

Coastal Darien ---Landmark Status

Darien's most precious resource is our coastline. I challenge anyone to find a coastline that was created by the edge of a glacial moraine, and protected from ocean's destruction, by a huge barrier of sand known as Long Island, that produced such an utterly amazing diversity in such small space. This area includes three major beaches, many small ones, salt marshes, off shore beach surrounded islands, major land projections, two river harbors, large protected coves, clam and oyster beds, rocky outcroppings as well as large granite bluffs. It has been painted by world famous artists who are represented in museums across the country. It is a scenic view from both land and water. I believe that this is a Landmark of national, and perhaps world, dimensions.

We have protected the wetlands, salt marshes and the beaches, but there is absolutely no protection of the magnificent granite bluffs and outcroppings that make up our rare shoreline. Recently, there has been at least a year of blasting foundations and removal of significant area of two of our major bluffs. As compared to trees and wetlands this type of destruction is gone forever, and will never rebuild itself.

Regulations to protect every section of our Shoreline as a whole from future developmental pressures are vital.